

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 4-20 are added.

In the Office Action dated November 12, 2004, claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Bandhole et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0049803 in view of Huang et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/000091697.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 is submitted to swear behind Bandhole et al., which has a filing date of May 17, 2001, and a priority date of August 24, 2000. The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/269,655, filed February 16, 2001. The Rule 131 Declaration and the associated exhibits remove the Bandhole et al. reference as prior art. Accordingly, claims 1-3 are believed to be allowable.

New Claims 4-20

New claims 4-20 have been added to provide additional coverage. Independent claim 1 further emphasizes that multiple virtual environments can run on a single computing system. Independent claims 10 and 16 are method and computer program product counterparts of claim 4.

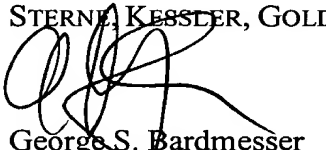
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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